

## Preventive Care

### ***Q.MH27, NHANES I, 1971-75***

How many times a day do you usually brush your teeth?

\_\_\_\_\_ Times

### ***Q.MH32a, b, NHANES I, 1971-75***

a. Have you ever had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

b. When was the last time they were cleaned?

- 1 Less than 1 year ago
- 2 1–2 years ago
- 3 3–4 years ago
- 4 5 or more years ago

### ***Q.B17, HHANES, 1982-84***

Have you ever had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

### ***Q.B18, HHANES, 1982-84***

When was the last time they were cleaned?

- 1 6 months ago or less
- 2 Over 6 months to 12 months
- 3 Over 12 months to 2 years
- 4 Over 2 years to 5 years
- 5 More than 5 years
- 9 DK

### ***Q.B19, HHANES, 1982-84***

During the past 2 years, how many times have you had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or a dental hygienist?

- 1 Once
- 2 Twice
- 3 Three times
- 4 Four or more times
- 9 DK

***Q.OHQ.040, NHANES IV***

During the **past 3 years**, {have/has} {you/SP} been to the dentist for **routine check-ups or cleanings**?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 DK

***Q.OHQ.050, NHANES IV***

During the **past 3 years**, how often {have you/has SP} gone to the dentist for routine check-ups or cleanings?

- 1 2 or more times a year
- 2 Once a year
- 3 Less than once a year
- 4 Whenever needed, no regular schedule
- 7 Refused
- 9 DK

***Q.07a, b, NHIS, 1986***

a. Now I am going to ask about some things that people may be doing to take care of their teeth.

What does \_\_\_\_ use when \_\_\_\_ brushes \_\_\_\_ teeth - toothpaste, tooth powder, or something else?

- 1 Toothpaste
- 8 Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

b. What brand did - - use most often during the past two weeks?

- 1 Crest
- 2 Crest Tartar Control
- 3 Colgate
- 4 Dentagard
- 5 Aquafresh
- 6 Aim
- 8 Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 DK

***Q.Z8, NHIS, 1990***

In your opinion, which ONE of these is the BEST method for preventing tooth decay?

- 1 Limiting sugary snacks
- 2 Using fluoridated water and dental products with fluoride
- 3 Chewing sugarless gum
- 4 Brushing and flossing the teeth
- 5 Visiting the dentist every 6 months
- 9 DK

***Q.SAQ.34, NMES, 1987***

How often do you brush your teeth?

- 1 More than once a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 Every few days
- 4 Ever few weeks
- 5 Never

***Q.SAQ.35, NMES, 1987***

Did you use dental floss yesterday?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

***Q.DN04, MEPS HC, 1996; 1997; 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001***

What did (person) have done during this visit? Probe: What else was done?

- 1 General exam, checkup or consultation
- 2 Cleaning, prophylaxis, or polishing
- 3 X-rays, radiographs, or bitewings
- 4 Fluoride treatment
- 5 Sealant (plastic coatings on back teeth)
- 6 Fillings
- 7 Inlays
- 8 Crowns or caps
- 9 Root canal
- 10 Periodontal scaling, root planing, or gum surgery
- 11 Periodontal recall visit (periodic or regular)
- 12 Extraction, tooth pulled
- 13 Implants
- 14 Abscess or infection treatment
- 15 Other oral surgery
- 16 Fixed bridges
- 17 Dentures or removable partial dentures
- 18 Relining or repair of bridges or dentures
- 19 Orthodontia, braces, or retainers
- 20 Bond, whiten, or bleach
- 21 Treatment for TMD or TMJ
- 99 Other
- 7 Ref
- 8 DK

***Q.6.3, BRFSS, Section 6, 1999; Module 6, 2000***

How long has it been since you had your teeth “cleaned” by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Within the past year (1 to 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 to 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 5 years (2 to 5 years ago)
- 4 5 or more years ago
- 7 DK/Not sure
- 8 Never
- 9 Refused

***Q.3, BRFSS, Module 6, 2001; Section 7, 2002***

How long has it been since you had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- 1 Within the past year (anytime less than 12 months ago)
- 2 Within the past 2 years (1 year but less than 2 years ago)
- 3 Within the past 5 years (2 years but less than 5 years ago)
- 4 5 or more years ago
- 7 DK/Not sure
- 8 Never
- 9 Refused